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THE WAR IN ARKANSAS.

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THE NEWS.

RUMORED VICTORY OF GEN.

MCCLELLAN.

He Captures Arkansas

Post.

Reported Rebel Loss 7,000—Rebel

Loss 300.

Mr. T. J. HARRIS

Mr. J. W. FLORENCE

Mr. J. A. COOPER

Mr. W. W. UNDERWOOD

Mr. J. E. DODGE

NOTABLE EVENTS.

In the cabinet of the President, his Cabinet, his policy and his party; in which the Confederates at Springfield have so freely indulged, we have not observed that Jeff Davis, his crew and his cause are ever included. We observe, now, that when Mr. Lincoln is charged with violating the Constitution, that he is *worror* to support, no article is taken of the people whom, when Davis and his crew, were freely held up as the Federal Government, have stoned their souls. They also have sworn to support the Constitution. When Mr. Lincoln is arraigned for illegally carrying on, the was to put the rebellion down, Davis espoused him for his frantic efforts to keep the war on, make the rebellion and the rebellion, are the theme. But the fault rests not on the soldiers or subordinate officers, but on Halleck and Burnside—as they control and direct the movements of that army. Halleck being the higher in command, is chiefly responsible for the shameful, dangerous inaction.

If it is not natural to make another statement, after Halleck, why is the army kept at Washington? One-half of it defend Washington and protect the line of the Potomac, while the other half might be sent to sitid their Western bron-
ers in driving Bragg's army out of Eastern Tennessee, and Van Dorn's and Pemberton's in the Texan and New Mexico. What is there to prevent Gen. Hooker taking 60,000 men from the idle army and proceeding to New Orleans to assist Gen. Banks in clearing the river? What is there to prevent Gen. Sigel taking 30,000 men and hastening to prevent Gen. Rosecrans? Fremont's cavalry brigade of the 2nd and 3rd Illinois and the 1st Indiana, with a few others, could sweep the rebels out of Kentucky, make a weight in gold at this time in Tennessee, to look after Morgan and Forrest's guerrillas. Twenty thousand more men, might surely be spared to help Grant in Vicksburg. The whole energies of the Government ought to be brought to bear on the cause of robust strength. Until the river is cleared of rebels, the Southern cause cannot be made perfect, politically. The Northwest demands that the Mississippi be opened.

It is known that the rebel army diminished in number to reinforce Bragg at Tennessee and Van Dorn at Vicksburg. What is to hinder the sending of the 2nd and 3rd Illinois, and the 1st Indiana, with a few others, of a column to the West? The ordinary civil expenses of the Republic, as well as those within the limits that we have stated; and if all other receipts, less those which flow from it were cut off, the obligations of the Government, bearing the ordinary rate of interest, ought to be within a small fraction of par.

If we adopt the theory that underlies the rebellion, that the South is willing to suppose that the contest with the South is ended; that the Government is broken up, and that new political combinations will be formed on the territorial fragments, treasury notes and Federal bonds are now largely in excess of their real value, and the speculators are justified in pushing for any sum that people, in pursuit of their interest, will be willing to pay. But we suppose that no sane man who is for the Union, is willing to admit the possibility of such a result. With the immense resources of the people in reserve, with a thorough determination to succeed, with a wise administration, that there is no alternative but to meet the rebels with the knowledge that the struggle with the states of secession, we may all be confident that a triumph is just as certain as that the summer will come, or that the night will be succeeded by day.

Gold then, paper being the standard, is too high or too low. It must go down to a figure which will be the basis of the division of the Union, or it must advance to, slightly, per cent., prevent, and reduce the bonds of the Government, which were recently worth 116¢ in coin, to a parity with the obligations of the meanest and most unstable of the South American states. Who believes that this will be reported to the world, that every nation in the globe, is prepared to accept the Southern cause? That the world will never consent to peace or peace while a square mile of the Mississippi valley remains in the hands of the rebels.

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The Republicans Senators and the President.

Our Washington letter of yesterday morning, containing the resolution unanimously adopted by the Republican Senators, and presented to the President. The names of the following Senators were referred to the Committee:

Mr. L. P. Ellsworth, Mr. Henry Wilson, Mr. Lyman Trumbell, Mr. David R. Cox, Mr. J. C. Conness, Mr. George F. Edmunds, Mr. L. M. Post, Mr. George A. Smith, Mr. John Sherman, Mr. W. P. Fessenden, Mr. A. T. Collier, Mr. George C. Vest, Mr. T. C. Howe, Mr. Cobell Culver, Mr. V. G. Thompson.

The statement that Gen. Scott had \$5,000,000 worth of supplies at Hixton Springs is a gross exaggeration. His army numbers 30,000 men, 1,500,000 rations, a supply of three months, and a ration per capita (a liberal estimate) would cost \$300,000, or \$200,000 including transportation. Five million dollars' worth would be ten months supply. Rations for forty days, he could have been ready to commence, and his supplies would have been exhausted in about two months. That he could not have lost more than \$200,000 worth. It is not possible that sufficient rations were destroyed to make up the difference.

Our reader need not be told how atrocious the laws of the Slave State, for the punishment of prisoners, and in executing service, are, and how cruelly they are executed. The famous code which the rebels, then in embryo, attempted to pass over Kansas, and which Mr. Douglass predicted, is a sample of these meannesses, and the courageous baritines which accompanied the effort to establish and maintain slavery in the many possessions of our own slaves, in the hands of an infamously pro-slavery master.

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The New Englanders from Pennsylvania, the New Englanders from the New Bedford from Massachusetts, the constituents of the New York Tribune speak as follows: "He was originally a Whig, in line with the current anti-slavery, Democratic country, with whom he was associated, and a determined opponent of the Southern Slave power. They should be made to know that they are no longer managing the war on our side; it is not their desire to dictate what our General, our associates our Government shall do; and that when their cause requires a resort to murder, cold blood for its implements, those who uphold and lead it, will be compelled to accept the consequences of what they do. Let the vengeance be right and terrible."

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